

### **General Information**

The mission of the Dental Hygiene Program is to provide an exemplary educational program for our students, compassionate, professional and ethical care for our patients and high quality dental health service to the community. Dental hygiene graduates will have the foundation to pursue various career opportunities in the dental field. Graduates of the Dental Hygiene Program are eligible to take national and regional board examinations which are required for state licensure.

*The LCCC Dental Hygiene Program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation, 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611 (phone: 312-440-4653)*

### **Goals**

The program provides the student the opportunity to:

- Acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to pass all dental hygiene licensure examinations.
- Demonstrate entry-level proficiency for all dental hygiene competencies.

### **Learning Objectives**

The graduate of this program is able to:

- Provide comprehensive dental hygiene services based on the current standard of care.
- Incorporate a high level of ethical and professional conduct consistent with the principles of the dental hygiene profession.
- Demonstrate the proficiency in critical thinking and communication skills in the provision of dental hygiene care.

### **Admission**

Admission into the Dental Hygiene is selective and limited to the number clinical facilities available and may be limited by program accreditation standards. General admission to the College and meeting the minimum dental hygiene admission requirements does not guarantee acceptance to the Dental Hygiene Program. Dental Hygiene admission decisions are determined on a point scale system and process. The Dental Hygiene Committee notifies the selected applicants between February and April to begin class in the summer. Acceptance to the Dental Hygiene program is conditional until all clearances and background checks have been verified through the LCCC Health Sciences Department. Applicants not accepted are required to reapply each year. The College reserves the right to exercise discretion to select the most qualified candidates.

### **Application Deadline: First Friday in January**

It is the applicant's responsibility to assemble and submit all required application materials by the dental hygiene application deadline to be considered for admission. Students who do not submit all required application materials are considered incomplete and will not be eligible for evaluation for admission into the Dental Hygiene Program.

## **Admission Requirements**

### **Apply for admission**

Complete the general college application for admission. Indicate AAS.DHY as your intended major.

### **Submit Official Transcripts**

- Submit your official high school transcripts or GED. If you previously attended LCCC and did not enroll within the previous two years you will need to resubmit your high school transcripts.
- Submit official transcripts from all previously attended colleges and universities. Student-issued or unofficial transcripts are not accepted for transfer evaluation credit. Submit college/university transcripts to the LCCC Registrar Office.

### **Complete pre-requisite courses**

Applicants must provide evidence of final grade “C” or higher in high school or college level algebra, biology and chemistry courses.

### **Cumulative GPA**

A minimum cumulative 2.75 college GPA on a 4.00 scale. High school students without college credits must have a minimum cumulative 2.0 (“C”) high school GPA.

### **Criminal Background Checks & Screenings**

Due to mandated regulations by area clinical agencies in which LCCC Health Science students participate in clinical rotations, acceptance into the Dental Hygiene Program is conditional based on the following background checks and screenings: PA criminal background check, PA Child Abuse background check, 10 panel drug screening; FBI fingerprint-based background screening, Office of Inspector General background screening for suspensions or disbarment from Federal Programs, and Department of Motor Vehicle driver license screening for any prior or current history of DUI. All background check forms are provided to students from the Department of Dental Hygiene after they are notified of acceptance to the Dental Hygiene Program. Students will be required to satisfy these background checks and screenings before final notice of acceptance is offered to you by the Dental Hygiene Department. If any report indicates a positive criminal history or a student incurs a positive criminal history while enrolled the student will be prohibited from entrance into the Dental Hygiene Program or immediate dismissal if currently enrolled.

Students are also required to submit a physician-completed Health Form to College Health Services before final acceptance to the Dental Hygiene Program. This form must document that the student is in good physical and mental health, free from any communicable disease and is physically and mentally capable of fulfilling all duties as required by the Dental Hygiene Program. Students are also required to submit a physician-completed Health Form, be TB tested, and provide proof of vaccination status to HepB, Varricella, MMR, Tdap, and COVID to College Health Services before final acceptance to the Dental Hygiene Program. For more information, regarding background checks and screening refer to the College Catalog, or contact the Dental Hygiene Department at 1-800-377-5222, Ext. 7448.

## Financial Aid

Financial aid may be available to full-time and part-time students. Financial Aid programs include the Federal Pell Grant, PA State Grant (PHEAA), Federal Direct Loan, Federal College Work Study, and Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG). Students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to determine eligibility. For more information please contact the Financial Aid Office at 1-800-377-5222, ext. 7354 or [www.luzerne.edu/financialaid](http://www.luzerne.edu/financialaid)

## Tuition

Full-time students who register for 12-18 credit hours will be charged a flat tuition rate, plus course fees. Part-time students who register for 1-11 credit hours will be charged per credit hours tuition, plus course fees. For more information, please refer to the tuition and fees chart in the College Catalog or website

## Transfer Students

If you attended another college or university, you must submit your official transcripts from all other colleges/universities for course evaluation and transfer of credit. Prerequisite and general education courses can be completed at another college or university. All respiratory therapy coursework must be completed at Luzerne County Community College. Credits for Microbiology, Anatomy and Physiology I & II will be accepted in transfer to Dental Hygiene only if they are completed within five years of entry. All required science courses must be four credits and have a lab component. Anatomy and Physiology I and II must be completed at the same college for acceptance. Submit your official transcripts from all other colleges/universities to the LCCC Registrar's Office.

## General Studies courses that apply to the Dental Hygiene Program

In order to be more competitive in the application process, you may find it beneficial to have completed all General Studies courses that apply to the Dental Hygiene Program. These courses are not required for admission. However, additional points can be obtained in the dental hygiene admission ranking system for completing these courses.

Course	Course Name	Credits	Date Completed
<b>ENG 101</b>	English Composition	3	
<b>SPE 125 or 210</b>	Fundamentals of Speech or Introduction Interpersonal Communication	3	
<b>PSY 103</b>	General Psychology	3	
<b>SOC 101</b>	Principles of Sociology	3	
<b>BIO 135</b>	Anatomy & Physiology I*	4	
<b>BIO 136</b>	Anatomy & Physiology II*	4	
<b>BIO 251</b>	General Microbiology*	4	
<b>FYE 101</b>	First Year Experience^	1	
<b>Elective</b>	Health and Physical Education Elective	1	

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*^First-time students only.*

**Dental Hygiene Curriculum of Study**  
Associate in Applied Sciences Degree (AAS.DHY)

**First Year**

<b>FIRST YEAR – Summer semester:</b>		
<i>Course Code:</i>	<i>Course Name:</i>	<i>Credits:</i>
<b>DHY-100</b>	Fundamentals of Dental Hygiene	2
<b>BIO-135</b>	Anatomy & Physiology I	4
<b>ENG-101</b>	English Composition	3
<b>Elective</b>	Health & Physical Education Elective	1
		<i>Total: 10</i>
<b>FIRST YEAR - Fall semester:</b>		
<i>Course Code:</i>	<i>Course Name:</i>	<i>Credits:</i>
<b>DHY-101</b>	Dental Hygiene Seminar I	2
<b>DHY-102</b>	Dental Hygiene Clinic I	3
<b>DHY-103</b>	Oral Histology and Embryology	2
<b>DHY-104</b>	Dental Anatomy	3
<b>DHY-105</b>	Dental Radiology	3
<b>BIO-136</b>	Anatomy and Physiology II	4
<b>*FYE-101</b>	First Year Experience	1
		<i>Total: 18</i>
<b>FIRST YEAR - Spring semester:</b>		
<i>Course Code:</i>	<i>Course Name:</i>	<i>Credits:</i>
<b>DHY-111</b>	Dental Hygiene Seminar II	2
<b>DHY-112</b>	Dental Hygiene Clinic II	3
<b>DHY-113</b>	Periodontics I	3
<b>DHY-114</b>	Dental Materials	3
<b>DHY-115</b>	Nutrition and Oral Health	2
		<i>Total: 13</i>

**Second Year**

<b>SECOND YEAR – Full summer semester</b>		
<i>Course Code:</i>	<i>Course Name:</i>	<i>Credits:</i>
<b>DHY-205</b>	Oral Pathology	3
<b>DHY-122</b>	Advance Dental Procedures	3
		<i>Total: 6</i>
<b>SECOND YEAR – Fall semester:</b>		
<i>Course Code:</i>	<i>Course Name:</i>	<i>Credits:</i>
<b>DHY-201</b>	Dental Hygiene Seminar III	1
<b>DHY-202</b>	Dental Hygiene Clinic III	4
<b>DHY-203</b>	Dental Health Education	2
<b>DHY-204</b>	Dental Pharmacology	3
<b>DHY 206</b>	Periodontics II	2
<b>PSY-103</b>	General Psychology	3
		<i>Total: 15</i>
<b>SECOND YEAR – Spring semester:</b>		
<i>Course Code:</i>	<i>Course Name:</i>	<i>Credits:</i>
<b>DHY-211</b>	Dental Hygiene Seminar IV	1
<b>DHY-212</b>	Dental Hygiene Clinic IV	4
<b>DHY-213</b>	Community Dental Health	2
<b>SOC-101</b>	Principles of Sociology	3
<b>SPE-125 or SPE-210</b>	Introduction to Interpersonal Communication or Introduction to Speech	3
		<i>Total: 13</i>
<b>Total Credits:</b>		<b>79</b>

**Notes:**

- Dental Hygiene (DHY) courses must be taken in the sequence listed
- A minimum grade of C must be attained in each dental hygiene course in order to continue to the following semester in the dental hygiene program
- \*FYE-101 for first-time students only

**SCHOOL OF DENTAL HYGIENE – SELECTION CRITERIA**

Application Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Application Deadline:** First Friday in January

**The following requirements must be completed to be considered for admission to the Dental Hygiene Program.**

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